

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:315
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2003
VIOLATION OF TRAFFIC RULES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the traffic police is either missing from their duty point on the roads or ignore the traffic offences;
- (b) if so, the steps/action taken by the Government to ensure that the traffic cops are available on their duty point;
- (c) whether the Government are aware that the trucks are plying on the city roads carrying construction material between 8.00 A.M. to 8.00 P.M. as reported in Indian Express dated 9.7.2003;
- (d) if so, the facts and the details thereof;
- (e) whether the drivers of trucks and blue lines buses are openly disobeying traffic rules and are getting scot free because of giving monthly bribe to the traffic police as reported in Indian Express dated 7 July 2003; and
- (f) if so, the facts and the reasons for the higher police authorities not taking cognizance of such malpractice in Traffic Police on the roads?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a)&(b): The supervisory officers of Delhi Traffic Police carry out checks on regular basis to ensure that the traffic police personnel are present at their assigned places of duty and perform their regulatory duties effectively.

(c)&(d): The goods carrying vehicles which defy the restrictions imposed on their movement or those which carry goods in violation of the prescribed rules are regularly prosecuted by the Traffic Police. In fact, the Light Goods Vehicle referred to in the news item was also proceeded against as per law.

(e)&(f): The news item under reference has not come to the notice of the Government. However, there exist standing arrangements to ensure that the traffic police personnel do not indulge in corrupt practices. These include surprise inspections as also incognito and unobtrusive surveillance.